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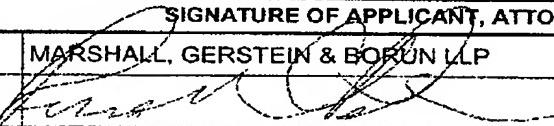
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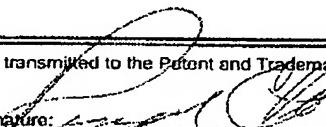
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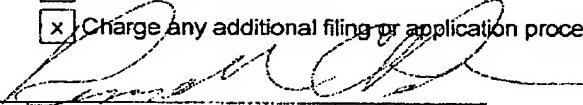
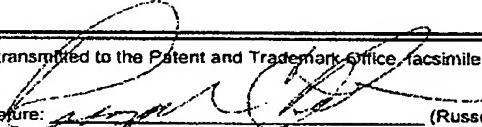
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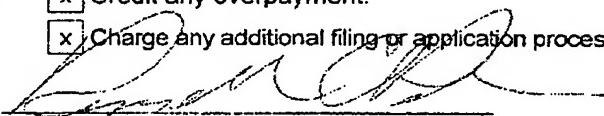
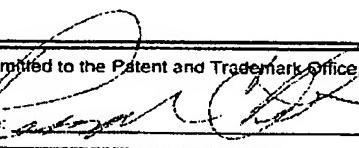
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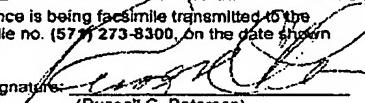
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In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2.

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